STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

DOCKET NO. NOI-00-3

EFFICIENT USE OF TELEPHONE

NUMBERING RESOURCES

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

(Issued August 13, 2001)

On July 24, 2001, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a petition to exclude certain rate centers served by Ericsson switches from the area code 515/641 number pooling trials ordered by the Utilities Board (Board) in Docket No. NOI-00-3. In the petition, Qwest states that Ericsson switches in four of its rate centers are currently incapable of participating in number pooling. Qwest also states that the switch upgrade designed to enable number pooling in an Ericsson switch has experienced a number of deployment problems. Qwest states that customer service could be adversely affected by trying to number pool with the Ericsson switches. The affected Ericsson switches are in the Adel, Grimes, Winterset, and Waukee rate centers.

Qwest states it has tried on several occasions to develop a corrective patch for the number pooling problem with Ericsson switches, but so far the patch has been unsuccessful. Consequently, until these technical problems can be corrected, Qwest asks that the affected rate centers be excluded from the pooling trial, with the

understanding that if the number pooling feature in these switches can be corrected, these rate centers should be restored to the pooling trial.

The Board does not want to risk degrading service as a result of the number pooling trials. Based on the information provided by Qwest, it would be inappropriate to order Qwest to continue on the existing schedule in the affected exchanges.

Therefore, the Board will allow Quest a reasonable period of time to obtain or engineer a solution to the Ericsson switch problem for the four rate centers in the 515/641 number pooling trial. When a solution is implemented allowing participation of the Ericsson switch in number pooling or allowing the donation of uncontaminated thousands blocks from the Ericsson switch to the thousands-block numbering pool, Qwest will be required to add these four exchanges to the trial as expeditiously as possible.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- Qwest Corporation is granted an extension of time to begin the number pooling trials for the Adel, Grimes, Winterset, and Waukee rate centers.
- 2. On or before 30 days after the issuance of this order, Qwest shall file with the Board a proposed timeline for the resolution of the problems that prevent the Ericsson switch from provisioning number pooling. If, after that filing, further information significant to compliance with the timeline becomes available to Qwest, Qwest shall inform the Board's inquiry manager.

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3. Qwest shall upgrade the Ericsson switches and add the four identified rate centers to the number pooling trial immediately when a solution as discussed in the body of this order becomes available.

	UTILITIES BOARD
	/s/ Allan T. Thoms
ATTEST:	/s/ Diane Munns
/s/ Judi K. Cooper Acting Executive Secretary	
Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13 th da	ay of August, 2001.